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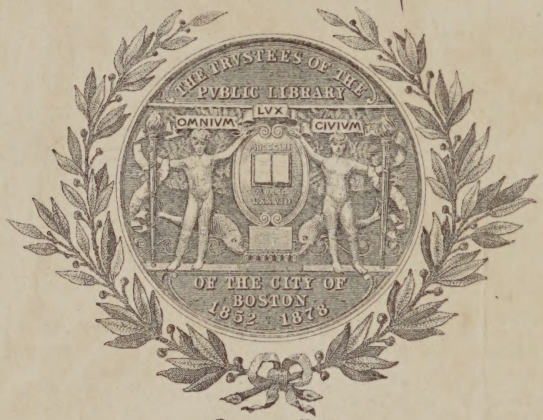

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CAMBRIDGE, March 12, 1900.

DEAR SIR:

At the recent meeting of the Congregation of the First Parish, the minister spoke of the difficulty which he found in meeting the men of the parish and expressed the desire that some means might be found for occasional social intercourse. At the same time the General Committee of Twelve in its report suggested the formation of a club to be composed of the men of the congregation. The undersigned were thereupon appointed a committee to consider the matter and to ascertain if there were a sufficient number of men interested to form such an organization.

In view of the many social engagements of a large part of the congregation, the formation of a "dining club," such as may be found in some other parishes, does not recommend itself to the committee, but a club which should be simpler and more informal and would offer the opportunity to all men of the congregation to become acquainted with each other seems highly desirable.

Such a club might meet three or four times a winter at the Colonial Club, a private house, or such place as the club may prefer. Opening at eight o'clock, the first part of the evening might be devoted to the reading and discussion of a formal paper on some live topic. The remaining time would be taken up with a social hour and refreshments.

The annual fee of such a club would be about $2, and its success would depend largely upon getting from the start a full and enthusiastic representation of the men of the parish. The details of the plan are left to a meeting for organization which will be called as soon as practicable after a sufficient number have approved of the idea.

If you are in favor of such a club, please reply on the enclosed postal card before March 23d, to PHILIP P. SHARPLES, 22 Concord Avenue.

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